



We take this opportunity
to express our appreciation
of your trade
and to
Wish One and All
A Merry Christmas

The Oyen Trading Co.



Hullo Everybody! This is
CHARLES P. SNYDER
THE IMPLEMENT MAN
on the line to wish one and all
A Merry Christmas

Christmas 1925



We wish to thank our
clients for their kind support
during the past year
and wish
One and All
A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy and Prosperous
New Year

Oyen Billiard Hall

Atch'd Johnston, Proprietor



To Greet You
with Hearty Good Wishes
for a
Very Happy Christmas

OYEN HARDWARE Co., Ltd.



To One and All
The News Staff
Extends Sincere Greetings
for
A Happy Christmas

WEDDING

Nichol-Duffield

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized in St John's Church, Ceresit, on Wednesday, December 16, at 4 p.m., when Miss Ruth Duffield became the bride of Mr. Ralph Nichol, Rev. J. W. Bullyment, officiating.

The bride, who was attired in shrimp georgette carried a beautiful bouquet of carnations and roses, was attended by her sister, Miss Eva Duffield, wearing a dress of powder blue georgette. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Charles Nichol.

After the ceremony the party repaired to the home of the bride's parents where a sumptuous banquet was served.

The number of beautiful presents testified to the popularity of the bride and groom.

After spending a honeymoon in Calgary, Mr. and Mrs. Nichol will be at home to their friends at their farm near Landon.

The Roarin' Game Commences

Curlers start Season with Games in President vs Vice-president Series

The curling season got away with a favorable start last night, when a double draw was played in the President vs Vice-president series. Two games to-night, will give every rink a game and conclude the opening series. Winners of last night's games are given under the heading "Curlers Corner" on page four.

Knock-out Competition for Christmas Day

The customary Christmas Day knock-out competition will be played this year, four draws being made for the day. The first draw is at 10 a.m., followed by draws at 2, 4 and 8 p.m. Wins on the 2 p.m. draw are particularly asked to start their games promptly at the hour scheduled so that the rinks on the 4 o'clock draw will not be kept waiting for the ice



We thank you for the business given us during 1925 and we trust 1926 may bring a full measure of Happiness and Prosperity to you all.

The Season's Greetings
to Everyone
is the wish from

S. A. Miller and Staff



Merry Christmas
To One and All

ALBERTA PACIFIC GRAIN Co. Ltd.



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

in

"The THIEF of BAGDAD"

12 REELS OF ASTOUNDING MAGIC

SPECIAL MATINEE CHRISTMAS DAY AT 2 P.M.

REGULAR SHOW AT 8 P.M.
CHRISTMAS DAY AND SATURDAY

Admission Adults 75c High School 50c Children 25c
(Tax included)

MONDAY - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28-29

W. D. GRIFFITH'S LATEST SCREEN MASTERPIECE
"THE LOVE FLOWER"

Heralded everywhere as a creation of exquisite beauty, haunting charm and spirited drama
The cast includes many brilliant screen artists headed by Richard Barthelmess and Ince Carroll Dempster

OYEN THEATRE

The management wishes One and All—A Merry Xmas

VILLAGE OF OYEN

A By-law Regarding Sidewalks

A By-law of the Village of Oyen providing for the removing and clearing away of snow, ice, dirt and other obstructions from sidewalks.

The Council of the Village of Oyen, enacts as follows:

Every Owner and Occupant of premises within the Village of Oyen shall remove and clear away all snow, ice, dirt and other obstructions from the sidewalks (and where there are no sidewalks) from the path adjoining his premises, or the premises he occupies, within 24 hours after the accumulation of the same. Any person guilty of a breach of this by-law, shall, upon summary conviction, be liable to the penalties provided by By-law No. 1 of the Village of Oyen, being a by-law providing for the enforcement of the by-laws of the Village.

It Stopped Her Cough and Brought Peace, Comfort and a Restful Night



GRAY'S SYRUP
RED SPICE GUM
Manufactured by W. H. WATSON & CO., New York

Trade In Silver Foxes

France Imports a Large Quantity For Breeding Purposes

One thousand, nine hundred and ninety-five silver foxes, representing over half a million dollars' worth, passed through Montreal recently. Many of the animals were consigned to France where they are expected to be used for breeding purposes.

To handle this huge amount of animals, over 300 crates were necessary and were put in special steel cars.

Our car load, containing 128 foxes, were consigned to Bologna, France, and were going to Montreal.

Has Won His Promotion

Services of Vice-Admiral Sir Lionel Hatley Have Been Recognized

Vice-Admiral Sir Lionel Hatley, who has been conferred on him a Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, has well won promotion in an order which specially recognizes services rendered overseas.

As commander and treasurer of the Prince of Wales for the last five years, Sir Lionel has accompanied the late monarch on his tour of the world, and ever both sea and land.

He cannot be considered to have ended those travels yet, for there are other parts of the vast continent of South America than Argentina and Chile of very great importance to British trade, and especially Brazil, still to be visited.

The time for another long tour by the Prince is not just yet, but it can be taken as certain that, if all goes well, it will come, and within the next 18 months or two years.

Famous Waxworks For Sale

Hoped Purchaser Will Continue Madame Tussauds' Exhibition

The sale, buildings and contents of Madame Tussauds' Wax Works Museum will be offered for sale shortly, and it is hoped the purchaser will continue the famous exhibition, which has been considerably damaged by fire last March.

Many figures are in perfect condition, and one visit of the building occupied the famous critic "John Tennant," descendant of the founder, is willing to remain at the museum in the service of the purchaser.

A WOMAN'S WORK IS NEVER DONE

No Wonder Health Gives Out and She Becomes Weak and Despondent

It is literally true concerning women in the home that her work is never done. She starts with housework when her rights in the world are kept busy up to the time she goes to bed at night. She works and does wonders she is feeling well for.

It is no wonder that she often breaks down and is unable to continue her household duties. She becomes breathless at slight exertion, feels exhausted, has frequent headaches and dizzy spells become frequent, and she feels a burden.

Much of this trouble is due to the fact that her blood has become thin and watery, and to regain her good health she must take a reliable blood-enricher.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People is the only blood-enricher which is shown by the statement of Mrs. Marjorie Lindsay, Sask., who says: "When I began using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I felt like a new woman. I was with great difficulty. I could do light housework, but I suffered from headaches, my heart would beat violently at the least exertion, and I always felt tired and depressed. I did not sleep well at night, and I had agonizing fits of nervousness as I dropped. It was at this stage that I decided to try to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had used the pills for some weeks before I began to feel their benefit, and I then encouraged I continued taking them for several months, when I was again as strong and well as ever. I had been. I have no hesitation in saying that these pills are a remarkable blood-builder and strength restorer, and I shall ever be grateful for what they did for me."

You can get these pills from your druggist, or by mail at 50 cents from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockton, Mass.

Will Hold Joint Conference

Pools Dealing With Farm Produce Meeting in Winnipeg

The three western wheat pools, through the joint central selling agency are planning to hold in Winnipeg a joint conference of all the co-operative movements in America dealing in farm produce, with a representative of Australia and one or two from Great Britain's interests present.

It had been intended to hold the conference Nov. 12, but the date did not give all concerned time to send representatives, and it was therefore necessary to postpone the event.

Became More Friendly

Relations Between France and Germany Further Helped

Further indication of the improvement in the relations between France and Germany as a result of the Locarno conference has just been afforded with the formation in Paris of a "Central Council for International Commerce." This body is to collaborate government representatives from the countries interested, and delegates from such associations as automobile and touring clubs.

At the preliminary meeting it was voted, 16 to 7, to send a committee to Germany.

The committee, immediately set to work on a scheme, for presentation to the first international conference, dealing with road travel through the various countries.

A vacation, makes many people so lazy that they don't care if they never have to work again.

Stop that cold with Minard's Liniment

Case Dismissed

Judge: "You are charged with stealing Col. Jule's chickens. Have you any witnesses?"

Cheek Mover: "Ah has not. Ah don't steal chickens before witnesses."

Stop that cold with Minard's Liniment

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The world's best hair tint. Will reduce gray hair to its natural color in 15 minutes. Small size \$1.25 by mail. Tube size \$1.50 by mail.

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Getting Under The Thames

Huge Tunnel Is Being Bored Under Bed of River

Unknown to many Londoners who pass over the bridges of the Thames on their way to work each morning, a huge tunnel is being bored under the bed of the river.

In a few weeks the final drilling will have been done, and a clear way from south to north will be established. After that, the tunnel will have to be lined, however, and this will not be finished until next year.

No fewer than 27,000 tons of cast iron will be used in the lining process. During operations have been carried on from both sides of the river, and the greatest care and accuracy is required to "line up" properly.

The object of the excavation is to link the Kensington underground railway to the one at Charing Cross.

Flour For Japan

In Canada with the avowed purpose of buying 150,000 tons of wheat for the Mitsui Flour Mills and Mitsui Grain Company of Tokyo, two representatives of these companies conferred with Winnipeg grain dealers recently. They estimated that there was a possibility of establishing branch offices in Vancouver, where the agents do most of their buying.

A Better Atmosphere

Just because it is colder out of doors, don't neglect to ventilate your room.

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Will Help Fight Tuberculosis

Canadian Red Cross Donates \$5,000 to Carry on Work

The central council of the Canadian Red Cross Society at Toronto voted \$5,000 to the Canadian Tuberculosis Association to continue the demonstrations being carried on to determine the best means of eradicating tuberculosis.

Following a discussion on the finances of the society, it was decided that in view of the heavy demand on resources of the organization, owing to expansion of activities for promoting national welfare, a national appeal should be made for funds.

In connection with the report of the Junior Red Cross, it was agreed this branch of the organization's activity had brought a new influence into the schools.

The report showed a total of 3,566 branches with 102,245 members.

No More Asthma

Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy

Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy, sold by all druggists, stops the awful coughing and painful breathing. It guards against night attacks and gives renewed ability to sleep and rest the whole long night. It is claimed for this remedy that nothing but what can be demonstrated by a trial. If you suffer from asthma, try it and convince yourself of its great value.

Another Famous Painting Found

Ruben's "St. Theresa" Has Been Discovered After 200 Years

A painting of St. Theresa, said to be a genuine Rubens, has been discovered by Dr. Ludwig Burckhardt, art critic and expert on the paintings of Rubens. The work was executed in Antwerp, he says, shortly after Rubens' return from Rome, where the basilication of St. Theresa, who was called "the Spanish mystic," was celebrated in 1614.

Praise For Saskatchewan

In the pictorial supplement to "The World's Health," a monthly review of the League of Red Cross Societies

published in Paris, France, appears a picture of the Saskatchewan Red Cross stamp among exhibitors of Red Cross stamps in other nations, specially picked for the purpose of illustrating commendable efforts of propaganda bearing the Red Cross emblem.

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for a
Real Merry Christmas
John Hunt Dray Line



Hearty Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

JOHN B. LOWE



May your Christmas be a very
Happy One
and the New Year bring you
a full
Measure of Prosperity
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Taxpayers of Oyen School District, No. 3058, and the Village of Oyen, are reminded that a 5 per cent penalty is added to all taxes unpaid on January 1, 1926.

Dr. W. D. McPhail, left this morning for Saskatoon, en route to Weldon, Sask., where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

O. Ormsberg, left on Monday for Cannon Falls, Minn., where he will visit friends.

O. Garrison left last week for Los Angeles, California.

John Brezden left last week for North Dakota to spend a holiday visiting friends.

Young People's Club

A club has been organized by the young men of the town for the purpose of providing wholesome amusement during the winter months.

The opening event was a dance held in the Masonic Hall last Friday, when about 45 were present. A pleasant evening was spent, music being provided by L. Shuttleworth, piano and the irrepressible Bob Niebit, on the drums.

Another enjoyable function is being planned for Friday, January 8.

LEGAL NOTICES

GOVERNMENT LIQUOR CONTROL ACT OF ALBERTA

APPLICATION FOR BEER LICENCE

PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the undersigned intends applying to the Alberta Liquor Control Board for a License to sell beer by the glass, or open bottle, for consumption in conformity with the provisions of the Government Liquor Control Act of Alberta, and regulations made thereunder, with respect to the following premises:

Known as the Garth Hotel, Main Street, Sibbald, Alberta, Lots 7 and 8, Block 1. Location of Beer Sale's room ground floor, facing north-west corner of building.

DATED at Sibbald, Alberta, this 7th day of December, 1925.
GENEVA GRAHAM
Applicant.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

EXPERIENCED FARMER and family want to rent a fully equipped farm. Make terms, condition of land and buildings in first letter. Write: A. W. Jensen, Carleton, Alta.

HOUSE TO RENT—4 rooms furnished or unfurnished. Also Piano to rent. Apply at Oyen News Office.

DRESSMAKING WANTED—Will take in dressmaking, at my home on first Street East, at Fourth Ave. Mrs. L. Nichols, Oyen, Alta.

FOR SALE—Crosley 4 tube Super Tryndyne radio, complete tubes, batteries, headset, Musicone loudspeaker. \$100.00 cash. Frank Hay, Farmers Telephone, 116, Oyen.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Two good workhounds to trade for cow, pigs or chickens. Also one high-oven cook-stove. Snap for cash, apply Mrs. Sam Kornichenko, Oyen.

LOST—In Oyen about two weeks ago, small black club bag. Finder please advise the Alberta Provincial Police, Oyen, Alberta.

FOR SERVICE—Pure bred Berkshire Boar for service. Terms, \$200 payable at time of service. \$150.00. Apply D. Warwick, Oyen, Alberta.

PURE BRED YORKSHIRE BOAR FOR SERVICE—For \$25.00 payable at time of service. W. J. 34-27-5, M. H. Davies, Phone 319 Oyen, Alta.

At the Elevators.

WHEAT	
1 Northern	1.20
2 Northern	1.19
3 Northern	1.21
OATS	
1 C.W.32
2 C.W.28
No. 1 Feed29

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The Curlers Corner

President vs Vice-president Series

The results of last night's games in the President vs Vice-president series, were as follows:

PRES.		VICE-PRES.	
Whitlock	7	Barbour	7
Lees	6	Wade	10
Thygesen	9	Peterson	9
Stewart	5	Morrison	10

Bonspiel Dates

Youngtown	Feb. 9, 10, 11
Drumheller	Jan. 12, 13, 14
Kinderterry	Feb. 2, 3, 4, 5
Oyen	Feb. 16, 17, 18
Calgary commences	Jan. 20
Craigville	Jan. 19, 20

The first Christmas holiday special over the Canadian Pacific Railway leaving three hundred happy Westerners bound for the Old Country arrived at St. John, N.B. in time to connect with the Canadian Pacific liner Montrose which will land them in Great Britain in time for the Christmas holidays. The special, travelling as the second section of the Imperial Limited, was composed of eight sleepers, one from Edmonton, Calgary, Moose Jaw, Kerrobert, Sask., Shaunavon, Sask., and two from Winnipeg.

Exceeding anything before shown in the Dominion of Canada and in the world, figures of marketing of all grains and of car loadings in the month of November furnished a double record for Canadian Pacific Railway western lines, for Canada and for the world. Marketing of all grains totaled 62,215,780 bushels and car loadings were 59,222 cars. For figures even distantly approaching the above, the statistician must go back to November 1923, when 57,668,000 bushels of all grains were marketed and 56,879 cars were despatched.



Wishing One and All a
Real Merry Christmas
and
Good Health and Happiness in
The New Year
Thomas Thompson



Heartiest
Christmas Greetings
to all
and Best Wishes
for a
Happy New Year

THE HOME GRAIN Co., Ltd.



Merry Christmas
To One and All
THE RAPID SERVICE DRY



Hearty Good Wishes
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E. D. THYGESEN

Oyen's Independent Coal Merchant

Christmas 1925

To One and All
THE STAMPEDE CAFE
extends the season's
Greetings

A Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
is our wish to
One and All

THE NOBLE CAFE

WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

Williamina Drucker, known as Hol-
land's first suffragist, is dead, aged
seventy-eight.

Sixty-eight thousand dollars worth
of Christmas trees were shipped from
Quebec to United States points this
season.

Reneith L. Palmer, of Seattle, Wash.,
graduate of Mount Allison University,
of which his father, Dr. J. M. Palmer,
is principal, is Rhodes Scholar for
New Brunswick this year.

The London Daily Mail says that
while Mamoon de Valera was stopping
at a hotel in St. John, Ireland, detectives
entered his room, searched his chest-
box and examined his papers.

Shipments of paper from New
foundland to the United States during
the last two months amounted to
3,200,000 tons, according to figures
just issued.

Reports from Italy state that the
Standard Oil Company of New York
has applied for a crown lease on an
extensive area near Cherson, in Cen-
tral Asia, introducing in bulk tanks and
other establishments.

In future all those guilty of hollaps
and thefts with violence in the city
of Montreal will be punished with the
lash as well as a prison sentence, de-
clared Chief Judge Desjardins in the
Court of Sessions.

Residents of Berlin, Germany, danced
to Pittsburgh jazz recently. This was
the first attempt to broadcast Ameri-
can wireless offerings by way of
Havre, England, on a wave length
of 1,600 meters.

It cost the provincial government
\$18,112 to fight forest fires in British
Columbia this year, according to offi-
cial figures released by Chief Forester
P. Z. Caverhill. This is by far the
largest amount ever expended by the
government on this account.

The Star's Dublin correspondent
says the Irish Free State Air Force
contemplates a flight to the United
States about next April. A seaplane
with two officers will start from Cran-
more Bay, Galway and the destination
of the state will be New York.

Spending automobiles in Montreal
paid \$123,155 for the pleasure of
"that little thrill" between January 1
and December 31, according to offi-
cial figures. The city's tax collectors,
seeking to assuage the thirst of the
over-thrifty outside motorists and out-
side the law, contributed \$20,433.33
to provincial revenue in the same
period.

World's Jewish Population

Statistics Show Over Fourteen Million
Mostly in Europe

The Jewish population of the en-
tire world is now placed at 14,143,412,
according to statistics compiled in
Jewish circles at Geneva. This constitutes
about 2.3 per cent. of the entire population of the
world. In this total Jewish population, 9,232,
576 inhabit Europe.

The Jewish population of the United
States is placed at 3,500,000. Out
of this world-wide Jewish popu-
lation a certain percentage, although
small, is returning to Palestine in the
effort to establish a national Jewish
home under the British mandate. It is
apparent, however, that this can-
not encourage more than an abnor-
mally insignificant percentage of the entire
race.

At the time of the armistice in 1918
the Jewish population of Palestine was
estimated at 50,000. "This has
now increased to 125,000. Against
this Jewish element the Arabs, in
Palestine number something like 445,
000. The Jewish population, however,
is rapidly establishing its home in all
of the branches of commerce, industry,
agriculture and finance in the little
state.

Contributes Her Share

From a young and sparsely settled
country Canada contributes a fair
share to the wealth of the world. She
produces 38 per cent. of its asbestos,
58 per cent. of its nickel, 92 per cent.
of its palmetum, 20 per cent. of its
lumber, 20 per cent. of its iron ore,
20 per cent. of its cured hair, 18
per cent. of its oats, 16 per cent. of its
potatoes, 15 per cent. of its wheat,
15 per cent. of its barley—Vancouver
Press-News.

Remove Ugly Signs

A new law goes into effect in Ten-
nessee December 15, when all signs
and billboards along state highways
must be removed, otherwise the high-
way department will wreck them.
Pennsylvanians are about to see what
their state looks like from the road-
side. Detroit Free Press.

Alcohol production from the sap of
the Nipa palm in North Borneo has
possibilities of supplying the tropics
with a potent fuel.

W. N. U. 1935

We hope you have a real good time.
We hope you'll cheer for us.
We hope the things you've wanted soon
will be piled up around you.
Somehow we wouldn't like the day
The spirit would seem mocking.
If anywhere on earth a cheer
Should find an empty stocking.

Old Christmas Traditions

Considered Unlucky in England To
Leave Work Unfinished on Christmas Day

In olden times, and indeed today in
many parts of the Old Country, it was
and is considered unlucky to leave a
job unfinished at Christmas. Not with-
er the kind of work, a hercule effort
was made to have it done before the
festivities commenced. No piece of
work was begun near the end of the
year that could not be finished in time.

It was a tradition closely adhered to
by Scotch blacksmiths that none of
their craft would do a job on Christ-
mas Day. To this rule there was no
exception. If anything went wrong
with the wheel-hill the apron was
dressed and the detest attended to. The
work of a blacksmith's shop was de-
pendent on the job being done in time.
In some districts, notably Pur-
lative, the servant class was de-
pendent on their master during the whole
of Christmas Day, and went about the
country visiting his friends and ac-
quaintances.

Symbolism of Twelfth Day

Marked End of Christmas Revels Ac-
cording to British Custom

Twelfth day, according to British
custom marks the end of the Christmas
revels. Then the holly and mistletoe
should be removed from the walls.
Twelfth day has been observed as a
special festival ever since the days of
affluence. "In whose reign a
law was made with relation to holly
day, by virtue of which the twelve
days after the Nativity of our Saviour
were made festivals." It was during
the reign of Elizabeth and James I.
that the observance of Twelfth day
gained its zenith in the matter of popu-
larity, when both Oxford and Cam-
bridge Universities, the Royal Court
and the lawyers' "tune" were in
order in friendly rivalry as to which
could give the most display. Many
of the customs of Twelfth day have
been written for the amusement of the court
on that night.

Honor Chamberlain and Brand

Statenmen of England and France to
Receive Nobel Peace Prizes

Nobel peace prizes are to be awarded
to the two men chiefly responsible for
the Locarno security pact—Sir
Austin Chamberlain, British foreign
secretary, and Premier Briand of
France, who was foreign minister of
his country when the pact was evolved.
Chamberlain and Briand were at
the spot all through the Locarno nego-
tiation and worked indefatigably in
producing the treaties as well as in
helping to develop the spirit among the
delegates that made the treaties
possible. Chamberlain's work at
Locarno perhaps represents his greatest
achievement in his long public
career. "It was given a most appre-
ciative welcome back to England, and
was honored with knighthood.

The Locarno pact, for their work in
which the British and French states-
men are to be honored by the Nobel
peace committee, is without doubt the
outstanding peace achievement of the
present time. It promises much to
Europe, and the nations entering into
it seem to feel more secure and secure
as a result of it—Herald.

Radio For Country Schools

Australia has hit upon the idea of
radio to help her country schools. It
is already in use, with current thought,
in fact, all the schools there are reported
to be deriving considerable benefit
from a series of educational pro-
grammes broadcast for the special
benefit of school children. Almost
every conceivable subject is taken up.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

PRIVATE CASTING
ARRESTED
RECEIVED
ALMAIR
SECRET NAME ALONE
DETERRING
PORTENDED
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TAGG
INTEREST
GLOATED
SHIPPED
1—One.
2—Man's nickname.
3—Director.
4—Prince.
5—Shallow wretch.
6—Addicted to talking.
7—Tireless.
8—Belonging to it.
9—To distrust.
10—To trail.
11—A beverage.
12—Ardor.
13—Share.
14—Pass on.
15—A color.

Christmas in Mexico

Quaint Celebrations Mark Holiday and
Everybody is Happy

Nowhere in the world is Christmas
so quaintly celebrated as in Mexico.
Anybody visiting that fascinating
country during the middle of December
would find the strangest and most
curious far representing fantastic
animals, flowers, monks, clowns, men,
under the figure is a far more
large, sometimes small. There are
processions in the streets, torches
are waved, songs—the whole place is
radiant with happiness. The houses
are always decorated. In the prin-
cipal room what is known as the pen-
ta—of the star referred to is sus-
pended from the roof. In the
collection of sweets and presents.
Folk, old and young, are in turn
brought from the roof. In the
a stick are invited to lift the pen-
ta. This is rarely accomplished.
At last, when one more fortunate
than the others gives the figure, the
jar breaks, and down on the floor
falls a medley of sweets and pre-
sents. Then comes a noisy
scrambling for the good things strewn
about the floor.

Peculiar Christmas Customs

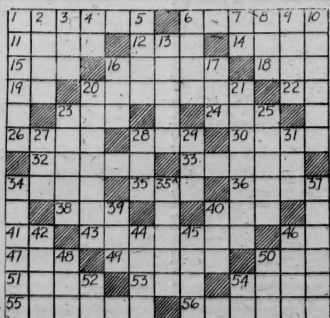
Blessing Apple Trees Still Done in
Sussex and Devonshire

With the growth of civilization many
of the customs have ceased to be ob-
served, especially in cities and towns.
A peculiar custom of blessing the apple
trees at Christmas is still maintained
in Sussex and Devonshire, England. In
the west country one tree is chosen to
represent the orchard, and it is ap-
proached with a bowl of water. The
figure is dashed against it, or, when
laid in cider, are hung on the
branches. The usual incantation
now "God bless this tree to the man-
ner. May it flourish and bring forth
abundantly, enough to fill a hat, to fill
a basket, to fill a cask, to fill a wagon."

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Pudding steaming, candles gleaming,
Branches weighted down,
Christmas on the farms and ranches,
Christmas in the town;
Christmas in the mountain ridges,
Christmas on the sea!
May your Christmas Day be merry,
Where'er you be!
—Mary Carroll Davies.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- Horizontal
- 1—Separated.
 - 2—Adequate.
 - 3—A set of three.
 - 4—Food in general.
 - 5—Strike quickly.
 - 6—A form of polite ad-
dress to a lady.
 - 7—One.
 - 8—Man's nickname.
 - 9—Director.
 - 10—Prince.
 - 11—Shallow wretch.
 - 12—Addicted to talking.
 - 13—Tireless.
 - 14—Belonging to it.
 - 15—To distrust.
 - 16—To trail.
 - 17—A beverage.
 - 18—Ardor.
 - 19—Share.
 - 20—Pass on.
 - 21—A color.
- Vertical
- 1—By.
 - 2—Opportunity.
 - 3—Adequate.
 - 4—Drunkard.
 - 5—Adequate.
 - 6—A number.
 - 7—Bunkey.
 - 8—Heavily about the
house of a horse.
 - 9—Cramped.
 - 10—Indolence.
 - 11—To trail.
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 - 56—Heavily about the
house of a horse.

Reduced Ocean Rates To Canada

Lower Fares Offered as Inducement to
Secure New Settlers

Details of the new empire settle-
ment scheme, which will attract
agriculturalists and house workers from
the United Kingdom transportation to
destination in Canada at a lower rate
than has been known for years,
according to the department of
immigration and colonization, are
now public. A comparison between
the regular rates from ports in the
United Kingdom with the rates avail-
able to empire settlement passengers,
shows remarkable reductions.

The new rates payable by the emi-
grant are possible through a three-
way sharing of the cost of transpor-
tation according to the statement.

The cost is borne by:

(A) The Canadian Government.

(B) The British Government.

(C) The steamship lines.

"Canada's share in the cost of emi-
grants under the empire settlement
scheme remains unchanged regardless
of the destination of the immigrant,
but the larger part to be contributed
by the Dominion under the new agree-
ment is in regard to the cost of im-
migrant for a period of five years,
which cost is shared equally by Cana-
da, without any tax upon the British
Government," it is stated.

The department of immigration ex-
presses the belief that the new agree-
ment will have the following result:

"It will virtually mean the abolition
of passage loans. While such loans
will still be available to heads of fami-
lies, under certain circumstances, to
house workers, they will not be
available to other classes."

"It will bring the cost of passage to
the extent within the reach of
practically all British settlers of the
classes sought and will offer a lower
rate than has been available for many
years."

"It will enable the empire settle-
ment passenger to land in Canada
without heavy overhead debt to be
paid."

"It will do away with the high cost
of connection passage loans and con-
sequently loss in cases of failure to
collect."

Lloyd George Leads

As A "Free Citizen"

Has Accepted Freedom of 32 Cities
With 20 More To Come

David Lloyd George, one of the
members of the royal family, is easily
the champion free citizen of Great
Britain. He has just made his
cities offer on him the formal "free-
dom of the city," that any other
subject in the realm.

It is stated that the former prime
minister could drink a quart or two
of whiskey in the main street of
Sheffield and whop it up to his heart's
content and still be immune from ar-
rest for drunkenness. Or, if he
chose, he could turn a drove of his cat-
tles to graze on his own land, or he
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The Spirit of the Christmas Season



brings to us a renewed appreciation of old associates and the value of new friends. On behalf of our Branch Managers and Staffs, I wish to extend greetings and to acknowledge the pleasure derived from our business relations during the year about to close.

May your Christmas be Merry and the New Year bring you an abundance of happiness and prosperity.

John A. MacArthur

General Manager.

THE BANK OF TORONTO

The Management
of
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wishes one
and all
The Compliments
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The Season



Peace on Earth, the angels sang
On Christmas Morn;
Good Will to Man. The answer rang
The Christ is born.
May peace abound within each heart
Good Will and gladness to impart
And Christ Divine, be yours and mine
This Christmas Morn.

Wishing one and all, the fullest
joy that this time of year stands
for.

J. L. ACHESON



Cordial Greetings to One & All
and Best Wishes for a
Very Happy Christmas

ELMER MAC ARTHUR

About Town and Country

Mrs. J. A. Willis left last Thursday for Saskatoon to visit her sisters over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Leitch of Exeter, left last week for Vancouver, where they will spend the winter months.

Fred C. Bliss left last Saturday on business for Boise, Idaho. While in that city he will spend Christmas with his mother and brother.

With each Hobberlin suit sold, this month, Hobberlin's offer free pants. S. A. Miller, Agent.

Ted Momb and Olaf Bakke returned from their moose hunting trip last Friday, and report excellent sport. Therman Hess, one of the same party is remaining north of Edmonton for another two weeks.

W. H. Hanson of Sibbald has purchased 2 pairs of silver black foxes from Colpitts Bros. of Calgary, and now has the animals at his farm. Anyone interested is invited to come and see them before the New Year.

Jack Aylesworth is home from Edmonton, where he is attending University, to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays with his parents.

Miss Grace Colwell who arrived in Oyen from Cereval last Friday, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Aylesworth.

BENTON ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Landon left last Saturday for Winnipeg, where they will spend a few days en route to Toronto and points in Ontario. They will return to Benton in the spring.

During Mr. Landon's absence, his business will be conducted on by John Reid and Mrs. Landon's brother.

Alex and Anthony Diemer left for Regina last Monday. After two weeks holidays in that city they will proceed to Langdon, N. D. where they will spend the winter.

James Tate left last Saturday for London, Ont., where he will spend the winter months.

I. Nunn left last Saturday for Fort William and expects to be away from the district for three months.

LANFINE LOCALS

Mrs. Alex Kennedy and family left Lanfine yesterday for Edmonton, where they expect to make their home.

F. W. Nichol, who was recently operated on at Cereval Hospital, left that institution last Saturday and is now convalescent.

Lorne McQuarrie has returned from Calgary and is visiting his sister, Mrs. T. M. Wardell.

Mrs. J. R. Sander's farrowell party, in honor of Mrs. Grimes, was a very pleasant affair.

The whist drive held last Friday was a success. Seven tables were played after which the pie was sold and a delectable lunch served. Proceeds amounted to \$10.30, which will be placed to the Anglican Church fund.

Mrs. A. L. Orvis entertained a few friends last Monday at a farewell party in honor of Mrs. Kennedy, on the eve of her departure for Edmonton.

Fairbank's Picture "The Thief of Bagdad" Greatest of All

Douglas Fairbank's glorious fantasy of the Arabian Nights, teaching that "Happiness must be earned." "The Thief of Bagdad," will be shown at Oyen Theatre on Christmas Day and Saturday, December 25 and 26 respectively.

The management are particularly fortunate in securing this screen masterpiece for the holiday season, critics being agreed that nothing has yet been produced on the silver screen to equal it.

The story is woven about a wonderful love tale with a wealth of adventurous incidents that will stir you to a rousing pitch of excitement. You will see a Magic Bag soon above the house-tops and off into the sky, bearing the Thief and the beautiful Princess of Bagdad. You will see the Thief carried on the back of Pegasus, the winged horse of Greek Mythology. You will see the Thief in the Invisible Cloak—You'll see it in this astounding picture.

The Magic Rope is another wonder that will thrill you. Born of a poet's dream in Araby this remarkable story was developed by Douglas Fairbanks into a beautiful reality. Nothing like it has ever been attempted; nothing like it has ever been seen; nothing like it has ever been accomplished. These statements may seem exaggerated, but after seeing the picture you will agree that they really lack in justifiable enthusiasm.

Don't miss the picture Christmas Night or Saturday!

In Lighter Vein

Christmas Poem

I hate to say it just because
It sounds so mean and shocking
But nature beat you Santa Claus
At filling Dora's stocking.

The Christmas Story

"That's a very nice coat your wife wears. You must be making a lot of money these days."
"As a matter of fact, she got that coat by accident."

"By accident?"
"Yes. The other night the hall was dark when I arrived home. I saw a figure standing near the hat stand. I went up and whispered: "Mary, give me a kiss."

"But I thought your wife's name was Kate."
"So it is. That's how she got the coat."

In Ye Manner of Spencer

A snakey stuede was prancing
oone ye floore—
Ryte smarte-he foxy-trotted
atto ye baile,
And yn hye arnes an nyftys
gynch he bore—
By gadde, she was an lewleu,
—thatte and more!

A little girl asked her mother
"Was your name Pullman
before you were married,
mother?"

"No dear, why do you ask?"
"Well, I just wondered, I
see that name on most of our
towels."

Well boys, over the river!

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To Greet You with a
Sincere Message of Goodwill.
May your Christmas be a
Very Happy One

JOHNSON'S GARAGE

Christmas 1925

To our Patrons
and
the residents of
This District
we extend our
Best Greetings
and
Good Wishes
for Christmas
and the
Coming Year



The People's Meat Market



Hearty Good Wishes
for a
Very Merry Christmas
and a
A Happy New Year

George A. Morrison

Chemist and Druggist. Oyen, Alberta



We wish to extend Heartiest
Christmas Greetings
and Best Wishes for a
Prosperous and
Happy New Year
To All

GUTHRIE'S STORE